THE *Remonſtrance and Declaration of* George Chamberlaine *Gent. declaring to the World all paſſages concerning his lawfull Mariage with* Ione Hele, *ſole daughter and heire of* Andrew Hele *Eſq. late of the County of* Devon. *deceaſed, ſince whoſe deceaſe one* Samuell Maſſey *married the Widow of the ſayd* Andrew Hele, *being Mother of the ſayd* Ione Hele, *and how the ſaid* Samuel Maſſey *drew in the ſayd* George Chamberlaine *to mary with his ſayd daughter in law both by his and his wifes, and the ſayd* Ione *conſent, and by Articles of Agreement under hand and ſeale; And alſo how the ſaid* Samuel Maſſey *and his ſayd wife, ſince and before the ſaid mariage, hath defrauded the ſaid* George Chamberlaine *of above ſixe hundred pounds in money, beſides Watches, Rings, Iewels, and Apparell for his wife, and how, and by whom, and by what meanes the ſayd* Mr. Chamberlaine *ſhould have beene poyſoned, with other foule and notorious miſdemeanors by the ſayd* Maſſey, *and his ſayd wife, perpetrated againſt the ſayd* George Chamberlaine, *by keeping his ſayd lawfull wife from him; and by divers frauds in offering the ſayd wife of the ſayd* George Chamberlaine *in mariage to divers perſons, ſince ſhe was lawfully married to the ſayd* George Chamberlaine, *by which practiſe the ſayd* Maſſey *did delude and defraud divers and ſeverall perſons of ſeverall valuable ſums of money, together with other remarkable paſſages, of abſolute tranſcendent knavery, acted by the ſayd* Maſſey, *and fit to be diſcovered and made known to the view of all men.*

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IN and before the moneth of *November*, in the year of our Lord, 1651. The ſaid *Samuell Maſſey* and his wife, and Miſtris *Jone Hele*, *Maſſeys* daughter in law, being ſole daughter and heir of one *Andrew Hele*, by the ſaid *Maſſeys* wife, all of them being then in the *Strand*, and fame ſpeaking her to be heire at Law unto about 2000 l. *per annum* free-hould lands of inheritance, beſides many thouſand pounds due unto her for the arrerages thereof, divers young Gallants and others were Suitors unto, and highly and coſtly Courted the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife, to admit them but to ſee of be ſuitors for marriage unto their ſaid daughter, whereby much mony by many perſons was ſpent, upon the ſaid *Maſſey*, and his wife and daughter, in feaſting

and entertainements, beſides many coſtly Watches and Rings, were preſented to the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife from ſeverall perſons, hoping thereby and by their meanes to Ingratiate and degree themſelves into the favour and liking of the yong Lady, ſo that the ſaid *Maſſey* and his ſaid wife for a time, did drive on a very pretty trade, untill ſuch time that it begun to be too commonly known to be a meare cheat; but before the Market was quite done, one Maſter *John Samine* had gotten Intelligence of that great pretended heirs eſtate and wealth, and he being no leſſe full of deſire then credulity, makes meanes to the ſaid *Maſſey* that Maſter *Samines* brother in law, Maſter *George Chamberlaine*, might have the ſight of his daughter in law, and that he might be a ſuitor for marriage unto her, which accordingly was aſſented unto. This aſſent begets an Interview and meeting between Maſter *Chamberlaine* and his friends, and Miſtris *Jone Hele*, and her friends: it ſo pleaſed God a liking was had between them, the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaine* and *Jone Hele*, and by the conſent of themſelves, and friends on all parts, the ſaid *Maſſey* her father in law, being her Guardian by order of Chancery, and the ſaid Miſtris *Jone Hele* being above the age of fourteen years, and ſo conſequently of the full age in law to conſent to mariage, on the eighteenth day of *November*, in the year of our Lord 1651. There were Articles of agreement entered into, ſealed and duly executed, by and with the conſent of the ſaid *Jone* and her mother, by and between the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey* of the one part, and the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* on the other part, to this effect hereafter following. Firſt, That is to ſay, that the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* by Gods grace and providence did intend to marry and take to wife *Jone Hele* ſole daughter and heire of *Andrew Hele* Eſquire, deceaſed, and daughter of the wife of the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey*, on or before the firſt day of *May* then next following. Secondly, that the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife during their lives, and the life of the longeſt liver of them, ſhould hold and enjoy one full third part, in three parts to be divided, of all ſuch Manors, Meſſages, Lands, and Tenements, as ſhould be recovered in the right of the ſaid *Jone Hele*, as heire to her ſaid late Father *Andrew Hele*, or as heire unto one *Walter Hele*, and *Eiſe Hele* deceaſed. Thirdly, it was agreed by and between the ſaid parties, that all ſuch Rents, Arrerages of Rents, Iſſues, and profits whatſoever, that ſhould be recovered in the right of the ſaid *Ione Hele*, ſhould be equally devided between him the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and the ſaide *Samuel Maſſey* and his wife, if the ſaid marriage do take effect. Fourthly, that out of the fines and profits of the eſtate when it ſhall be recovered, the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* ſhall pay unto the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey*, the full ſome of 1000 l. Fiftly, that the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* ſhall lend and pay unto the ſaid *Maſſey* the full ſome of 500 l. and that the ſaid *Maſſey* ſhall ſecure the repayment thereof by ſtatute of 1000 l penalty, if the ſaid marriage take no effect, by or before the aforeſaid firſt day of *May*, and that if the ſaid marriage take effect, the ſaid five hundred pounds not to be repaid, for in truth that money was paid towards the yong Gentlewomans education, and for bearing the charge of the recovery of the eſtate due unto her. Sixthly, it was fully agreed by and between all the ſaid parties; That the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife ſhould permit and ſuffer, the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* with their free and Voluntary conſents to be a ſuitour for marriage unto

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the ſaid *Jone Hele* with freedom at all fitting & convenient times, and that the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* ſhould enter into one ſtatute of the penalty of 2000 l. to the ſaid *Maſſey*, to performe the Articles of agreement in all points, which was accordingly performed and entred into. Seventhly, That if the ſaid marriage took no effect, by, or before the foreſaid firſt day of *May* in the Articles of agreement mentioned, that then it was agreed that the ſaid *Maſſey* ſhould repay the ſaid 500 l. without Intreſt unto the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, within ſix moneths after the ſaid firſt day of *May*, and that if the ſaid marriage did take effect according to the ſaid Articles of agreement, that then the ſaid 500 l. to be quit to the ſaid *Maſſey*, &c. After which ſaid Articles of agreement ſo ſealed and duly executed, all faire and friendly ſocieties, meetings, and invitations, to feaſt and enjoy each other ſocieties of themſelves and friends reciprocally, with all Joy and amicable love on both parts: after which it was unanimouſly agreed, by the full and free conſent of the ſaid *Jone Hele*, and the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, and by the full and free conſent of the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife, and by the conſent of the friends of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, that on the fift day of the moneth of *February* then next after the date of the ſaid Articles of agreement, which was juſt two moneths and 17 dayes after the Articles of Agreement were ſealed: That then, and upon the ſaid fift day of *Febraary*, there ſhould be a lawfull marriage had, and ſolemnized, by, and between the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and the ſaid *Jone Hele*, which accordingly was lawfully and willingly had and performed, by a lawfull Miniſter in a lawfull Church, the dores being open at a lawfull houre, the ſaid *Maſſey* her Father in law, and her naturall Mother being then perſonally preſent, and the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife bringing her thither in company, with the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* in a Coach for that purpoſe, and the ſaid *Maſſey* her Father in law, in the preſence of her naturall Mother, and by and with all their conſents, the ſaid *Maſſey* giving her in marriage in the ſaid Church, unto and to be the lawfull wife of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, in the preſence of divers credible witneſſes, Into which ſacred bonds of marriage, ſhe the ſaid *Jone Hele* did enter into, with the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, with all chereſulneſſe and willingneſſe, and did anſwer the Miniſter, with ſuch a willing, forward, and audible voice, to the admiration of all the ſpectators of that marriage: and that it may appear when and where, and by whom they were ſo lawfully married, you ſhall have next following, the Certificate printed, under the Miniſter, and Pariſh-Clarks hands, of the ſaid Pariſh, to teſtifie their ſaid lawfull marriage.

*Here followeth the true Copy of the true Certificate of the lawfull Marriage had and ſolemnized between* Ioane Hele, *and the ſaid* George Chamberlaine, *atteſted under the hands of the Miniſter and Clerke of the Pariſh Church where they were lawfully married, as followeth, &c.*

But firſt you muſt take notice, that the ſaid *Maſſey* had received the aforeſaid ſum of five hundred pounds of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine.*

THeſe are to certifie whom it may concerne, that *George Chamberlaine* and *Ioane Hele* were lawfully married as man and wife together, at, and in the Pariſh Church of S. *Margarets Pattens, London*, neare Towerſtreet, the fiſt day of the month of *February*, in the Yeare of our Lord, One thouſand, Six hundred, Fifty, and One, as appeareth by the Regiſter Book of the ſaid Pariſh Church, whereunto wee have ſubſcribed our hands, the day and yeare aboveſaid.

*Robert Chamberlaine*, Miniſter.

*William Preſcot*, Pariſh Clerke.

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*Hereafter followeth ſuch Copies of Depoſitions as prove the ſaid Marriage, ſworn before a Maſter in Chancery, and recorded in that Court.*

*Robert Chamberlaine*, Miniſter of Gods Word, and *William Preſcot*, Pariſh Clerk of the Pariſh of *Margarets Pattens*, neare Tower-ſtreet, *London*, doe make Oath, that on the fiſt day of the month of *February*, which was in the yeare of our Lord, One thouſand, Six hundred, Fifty, and One,

One, *George Chamberlaine* and *Joane Hele* were very lawfully & willingly by their free consents, without any force or fraud, which at that present appeared to us, according to the constitution of the Laws of *England*, married together, & so became lawfully man & wife, which solemnity of Marriage was performed by this Deponent *Robert Chamberlaine*, in the foresaid Parish Church, the Church doores being open, about the houre of ten of the clock in the morning of the same day, and in the presence of divers persons, and especially in the presence, and with the consent of the naturall Mother of the said *Joane*, and also of *Samuel Massey*, the reputed Father-in-law of the said *Joane*, who at that present time gave her in Marriage to the said *George Chamberlaine*. And these Deponents do further make Oath, that the foresaid *Joane*, at the time of the said Marriage, with the greatest cheerfulnesse, plainnesse, forwardnesse, and extraordinary willingnesse, did answer unto all things which on her part were to bee performed, as in relation to the forme and ceremonies of the said Marriage.

*Robert Chamberlaine*, Minister.
*William Prescot*, Parish Clerk.

Sworn the last day of *July*, 1653.

ROBERT AYLETT.

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I *John Samine* of London, Merchant, and *Elizabeth* his wife, doe make Oath, that they these Deponents were personally present at and in the Parish Church of *Margaret Pattons*, neer Tower street, London, on the fifth day of the month of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and one, about the hour of ten of the clock in the morning of the same day, at which time and place they these Deponents did see *Ioane Hele*, willingly and very cheerfully intermarry and take to be her lawfull Husband one *George Chamberlaine* Gent. which said marriage was so had and solemnized betweene them, by and with the full and free consent of the naturall Mother of the said *Ioane*, and in her mothers presence, and by and with the consent of one *Samuel Massey* father in law and Guardian unto the said *Ioane*, whereby the said *George Chamberlaine* and *Ioane Hele* became lawfull man and wife, and the said *Massey* gave her in marriage in the Church unto the said *George Chamberlaine*.

*John Samine*.
*Elizabeth Samine*.

Sworne this last day of July 1653.

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GEorge *Lambert* of London, Salter, doeth make Oath, that on the fifth day of the moneth of February, in the yeare of our Lord one thouland six hundred fifty and one, hee this Deponent was personally present, at and in the Parish Church of *Margarets Pattens*, neer Tower street, London, about the houre of ten of the clocke in the morning of the same day, in company with one *George Chamberlaine* Gent. and one *Ioane Hele*, at which time and place he this Deponent was present, and did see the said *George Chamberlaine*, and the said *Ioane Hele* lawfully intermarried together, by one *Robert Chamberlaine*, a Minister of Gods word. And this Deponent doth make Oath, that the said Marriage was had and solemnized between them, by the free consent of the said *Ioane*, and of her naturall mother, and her father in law *Samuel Massey*, who gave her in the Church to be the said Mr. *Chamberlains* wife, in the presence of her said naturall mother: and the said *Ioane* did then say over after the Minister the words which belong to the consummation of Marriage, with willingnesse, plainenesse, and cheerfulnesse, to the admiration of this Deponent.

*George Lambert.*

Sworn the second of August 1653.

ROBERT AYLETT.

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*IOhn Titus*, Gent. maketh Oath that one *Samuel Massey* about five months since did contract with this Deponent for the Marriage of his Daughter in Law, Mrs. *Joane Hele*, and withall told this Deponent, that there was a drunken contract made betweene his Daughter and one Mr. *George Chamberlaine*, which if it could not be null'd by Law, then the said *Massey* said that he this Deponent, and one Major *Bishop* should prepare a dose of deadly poyson, and the said *Massey* said, that hee would give it to the said Mr. *Chamberlaine* himselfe, which would not onely make his Daughter free for this Deponent, but keep him the said *Massey* from being troubled for divers sums of money which he owed unto the said Mr. *Chamberlaine*. And this Deponent further deposeth, That the said *Massey* since hath combined with one *John Nelson*, sent to make a supposed Marriage betweene the said Mr. *Chamberlaine* and the said Mrs. *Hele* voyd. And that the said *Massey* hath made a contract to that purpose with the said *Nelson*, as this Deponent verily believeth. And further the said *Massey* desired this Deponent to send him word from *London* when the said Mr. *Chamberlaine* was to goe into Devonshire,

vonſhire, upon which notice being ſo given, the ſaid *Maſſey* vowed to give him the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* ſuch an entertainment, as ſhould ſuddenly take him out of this world.

*John Titus.*

Witneſſe *John Samine.*

Sworne the 21. of *March*, 1652.

ROBERT AYLETT.

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I *John Biſhop*, Gent. maketh Oath, that one *Samuel Maſſey* being in company of this Deponent, and one Mr. *John Titus*, the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey* did deſire the ſaid Mr. *Biſhop* and Mr. *Titus* to prepare an effectuall doſe of poyſon, which the ſaid *Maſſey* with his owne hands would give unto one Mr. *George Chamberlaine*; and by that meanes to be freed from many troubles which were then upon the ſaid *Maſſey* by the reaſon hee had a deſire to marry his Daughter to another man.

*John Biſhop.*

Witneſſe *John Samine.*

Sworne the 21. of *March*, 1652.

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WHen the foreſaid *Samuel Maſſey* cauſed an aſſault to be made upon, and wounded the perſon of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* in the quiet poſſeſſion of his ſaid Wife in Chancery Lane, in Trinity Terme, 1652. by which meanes hee the ſaid *Maſſey* gained away the Wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, and conveyed her to a private Lodging, to the houſe of one Mr. *Halſey*, unknown unto the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, ſhee the Wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* did then and there ſay and acknowledge, that ſhee ſhould never injoy any comfort or happineſſe in this world, unleſſe ſhee might enjoy the Company and ſociety of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, who

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was then her lawfull Husband; as then, and as divers other persons of worth and quality that will depose the same, or words to the like effect, both at that, and at severell other times spoken by her selfe, and upon her owne accord and free will.

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MOyses *Holebrooke* of *Islington* in the County of *Middlesex* doth make Oath, That hee this Deponent in the later end of the yeare of our Lord, One thousand, Six hundred, Fifty, and One, did serve one *George Chamberlaine*, Gent. as his then servant, which said *George Chamberlaine* was then lately before that time married unto one Mrs. *Joane Hele*, a yong Gentlewoman, Daughter in Law unto one *Samuel Massey* of Lawrence Clift, in the County of *Devonshire*. And this Deponent doth make Oath, that the said *Joane* and *George Chamberlaine*, for above the space of ten weeks together did live as man and wife together, and so declared themselves to be, and this Deponent comming many mornings to wait on the said *George Chamberlaine* in his said Chamber, he hath found the Chamber doore bolted, and the doore being unbolted, hee hath found the wife of the said *George Chamberlaine* with him in the said Chamber, undrest and in secret privacy as man & wife; & the said *George Chamberlaine* hath acknowledged that although his said wife was not then full 15 years of age, yet he the said *George Chamberlaine* had knowledge of her body as his Wife. And this Deponent doth further make Oath, that hee this Deponent hath bought and paid for divers necessaries for the said Wife of the said *George Chamberlaine* both by his and her consent, and at the cost of him the said *George Chamberlaine*; and that at the departure of her said Husband out of the Countrey for *London*, shee did shed many teares for his absence and desired his injoyment.

The marke of *Moyses* (-) *Holebrooke*.

Sworne the 6. of *August*, 1653.

ROBERT AYLETT.

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I *John Seffons* of *Houghton* parish in the Bishopricke of *Durham*, Gent. doth make Oath, That one *George Chamberlaine* Gent. having lately made a very sad complaint unto this Deponent, that he the said *George Chamberlaine* having lately inter-married and taken to bee his lawfull Wife one *Joane Hele*, sole Daughter of one *Andrew Hele*, deceased, and informing this Deponent, how that his said Wife was shifted from place to place, and hidden and detained from him, whereby hee could not have her, nor injoy her as his said Wife, nor could hee have any accesse unto his said Wife, either

either by word or Letter, and that the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* had lately diſcovered that his ſaid Wife was in the houſe and hands of one Collonel *Gravener* at the Mews, neare Charing-Croſſe; where, and to which place the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* deſired and prevailed with this Deponent to carry a civill Letter from the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* unto the ſaid Col. *Gravener*, concerning the delivery of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaines* Wife unto her ſaid Husband; and alſo deſired this Deponent to preſent and deliver one other godly and loving Letter unto his the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaines* Wife; which Letters, the one of them this Deponent did deliver to the hands of the ſaid Col. *Gravener* his owne hands, and the other Letter from the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, directed to his ſaid Wife, the ſaid Col. *Gravener* did refuſe to deliver, or to ſuffer this Deponent to deliver the ſame Letter unto the wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*; & he the ſaid Col. *Gravener* did acknowledge unto this Deponent, that one Mris. *Joane Hele* was in his houſe; but whether ſhe were the Wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* or not, he ſaid he did not know; but if that ſhe was the Wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, the marriage was illegally had, and did abſolutely deny to have the Letter from her Husband delivered unto her, and ſeemed very angry with this Deponent for bringing the ſaid Letter, and gave ſome threatning ſpeeches that hee would have and obtaine an Act of Parliament for the diſſolving the ſaid marriage betweene the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and the ſaid *Joane* his now wife: And the ſaid Col. *Gravener* did then threaten to ſecure this Deponents perſon, if in caſe hee this Deponent did trouble him with any more Letters of this nature, yet this Deponent hath upon earneſt requeſt of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, and pittying his condition, in being deprived of his Wife by a ſtrong hand, did once more adventure to deliver a ſecond Letter to the ſaid Col. *Gravener*, which Letter the ſaid Collonel did abſolutely refuſe to receive.

*John Seſſon.*

This Affidavit doth manifeſt that Col *Gravener* did refuſe all civill Applications by Letter to himſelfe, or to Mr. *Chamberlaines* Wife from the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*.

Sworn the 10. of *Auguſt*. 1653.

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BY all which the foregoing premiſſes you ſee a lawfull marriage, fairly gained by the full and free conſent of the ſaid *Jone*, her naturall Mother, and of her father in law, the ſaid *Maſſey* her Guardian, and as truly proved by the forgoing depoſitions, by honeſt perſons of quality, and known honeſty and integriry, who were at the foreſaid marriage, and who alſo well know that after the ſaid marriage, the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* was at a great charge, for the apparrelling of his wife with rich attire, as Satten Gown and Peticoats, and the like, and that they lived in the Country as man and wife together, for about ten weekes time, or a

quarter of a year, and his ſaid wife accepted of a Watch from him, and all other neceſſaries as her lawfull Husband: and ſo owned him in all points, untill the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey* and his ſaid wife, for their own baſe ſiniſter ends, and for filthy lucre ſake, did moſt wickedly and unjuſtly detaine my ſaid lawfull wife from me, contrary to the laws of God and man; Since which time of their wicked ſeperation, the ſaid *Maſſey* an his wife have confederated themſelves with one Colonel *Gravenor*, who liveth at the *Mewſe* neer Charen-Croſſe, who now do go about to that horrid act of nulling of the ſaid lawfull marriage, and ſo conſequently the curſed ſeperation of that my dearly beloved wife, in whom my ſoul delighteth, with a reſolution to rend my ſaid lawfull wife from me by the hand of power, intending to marry her to ſome other perſon, to inrich themſelves, becauſe my ſaid wife is in a capacity to recover a valuable eſtate in law, which if ever recovered, I hope to manage it with prudence, if the Lord will allot it to me, in providence, ſo that in the next place I am (although very unwilling) yet vaſtly neceſſitated to make this my Declaration publique to the world, thereby not only to cleare my Innocencie from any fraud, or force, by me intended or acted, in the obtaining of the ſaid lawfull mariage, but alſo to unmask to the publique view, all thoſe hell-hatcht, black, and horrid practiſes, and unparraleld, Inſufferable, Injuries, oppreſſions, coſenages, and frauds that the ſaid *Maſſey* the father in law and his wife, with their horrid adherents have practiſed, and do daily put in action, to rob and diſrobe me of my lawfull wife, whom God by his holy ordinances hath lawfully made my wife, and that if by the power of the potency, and the arme of fleſh rended from me, will make me cry out with *David*, Judge and revenge my cauſe O Lord; and I am confident, that if God ſhall be pleaſed to ſuffer them to prevaile againſt me, to deprive me of my lawfull wife, yet the Lord for that fact will ſhower down the Viols of his Juſt vengeance upon the pates of them, their wives and children, that ſhall act, though never ſo ſecret, for ſuch a horrid ſeperation of man and wife.

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*Here followeth the true and perfect diſcovery of what will be made manifeſt, and evidently proved againſt* Samuel Maſſey *and his wife, and others their helliſh abettors of his black conſpiracies, againſt my innocent ſelfe and wife, only to ruine me, and to inrich himſelfe, and thoſe his conſpirators, that take part with him in this helliſh deſigne*, &c.

THat the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey*, before the ſaid marriage between the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaine* and his now wife did take effect, did invite one *John Titus* Gent. to be a ſuitor for marriage unto the now wife of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, by which meanes he the ſaid *Maſſey* defrauded the ſaid *John Titus*, of a rich Watch, a rich Sword and Belt, and a Gilded Dagger, and ſeverall other valued things, beſides the expence of much money, And that the ſaid *John Titus* travailing beyond the Seas, and

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in the interim, the ſaid marriage between the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and the ſaid *Ioane Hele* taking effect, And the ſaid Maſter *Titus*, after the ſaid marriage returning into *England*, the ſaid *Maſſey* moſt fraudulently and wickedly, perſwaded the ſaid Maſter *Titus* that the ſaid *Ioane Hele* was not legally married unto the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, but that it was only a drunken contract that might eaſily be avoyded; and the ſaid *Maſſey* did perſwade the ſaid *John Titus*, that the ſaid *Ioan Hele* did paſſionately love him, and that he had oftentimes heard her declare, that Maſter *Titus* was her firſt love, and that ſhee could never have any hearty affection for any other perſon in the world beſides himſelfe, and therefore with all ſtrong and deluſive perſwaſions, invited the ſaid *John Titus* to be a ſuitor for marriage unto the ſaid *Jone Hele*, which in truth the ſaid *Maſſey* well knew to be the lawfull wife of the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaine*; by which wicked and undue practiſe, the ſaid *Maſſey* defrauded the ſaid *John Titus* of, and drew the ſaid *John Titus* to expend above the ſum of two hundred pounds currant money; and that when the ſaid *John Titus* diſcovered the frauds of the ſaid *Maſſey*, and that the ſaid *Jone Hele* was very lawfully married unto the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*. And then the ſaid *Maſſey* did uſe meanes to poyſon the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, unto which horrid plot and practiſe he the ſaid *Maſſey* did invite the ſaid *John Titus*, and one *John Biſhop* Gent. with all ſecrecie, to conſent, and to prepare the ſaid poyſon, and he the ſaid *Maſſey* affirming that he would give the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaine* the ſaid poyſon with his own hands.

THat ſince the foreſaid marriage took effect, between the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and the ſaid *Jone Hele*, the ſaid *Maſſey* hath willingly, falſely, fraudulently, and corruptly, had divers conferences and communications, with divers perſons and their agents, both in the Counties of *Devon.* and *Cornwell*, and other places, and alſo with divers other perſons, in and about the City of *London*, for, and concerning a marriage for the ſelfe ſame *Jone Hele*, now the lawfull wife of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, and the ſaid ſeverall perſons of quality, to the great damage and oppreſſion of the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaine*.

That the ſaid *Maſſey*, ſince the foreſaid marriage, ſo had, and ſolemniſed between the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and the ſaid *Jone Hele*, that is to ſay, in the moneth of *February* laſt paſt, did enter into ſome Articles of Agreements, or Covenants in writing, that the ſaid wife of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, ſhould within convenient time, Intermarry, and take to be her husband, one *John Nelſon* Gent. as in and by the ſaid Articles remaining in the hands of the ſaid *Nelſon* and *Maſſey*, or one of them may at large appeare: and that the ſaid *Maſſey* in Hillary Tearme laſt paſt, did enter into one Judgment in the Court of upper Bench at *Weſtminſter*, of the penalty of ten thouſand pounds to the ſaid *Nelſon*, to performe the ſaid Articles. By which horrible and wicked practiſes, the ſaid *Maſſey* having the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaines* wife in his keeping, and hiding her from place to place where the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* cannot finde her, nor have acceſſe unto her, either by word or letter, hee the ſaid *Maſſey* by adulation, and baſe flattery,

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hath alienated the heart and affection of the wife of the ſayd *George Chamberlaine*, and hath and ſtill doth offer and expoſe her to no better then publique ſale for marriage unto divers perſons, to the great damage, wrong, and heavy oppreſſion of the ſayd *George Chamberlaine*.

That the ſaid *Maſſey* and his ſaid wife, by their practiſe and conſpiracie with Mr. *Dike*, the Maſter Keeper of Newgate, and other Confederates ſince the Month of *February* laſt paſt, did conſpire to hide, keep and detaine the lawfull wife of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* from him, and to effect their wicked and unlawfull purpoſes, they the ſaid Confederates did hide, detaine, and keep the wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, in ſecret manner in the dwelling houſe of the ſaid Mr. *Dike*, at or neare Newgate, *London*, and when the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* had diſcovered his ſaid wife to be there, then the foreſaid Conſpirators, *Maſſey*, and *Dike*, with much ſubtilty and ſecrecy, cauſed the wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* to bee conveyed unto Vintners Hall, and to be put in the cuſtody of ſome friend of the ſaid Mr. *Dikes*, and being there not long before ſhe was diſcovered to bee there, then the wife of the ſayd *George Chamberlaine*, was by the conſpirators conveyed away from thence unto the golden Suger-loafe in Holborn; and not thinking her to be hidden ſafe there from her lawfull husband, ſhee was thence conveyed and hid and kept at Wimbleton, at the houſe of one Mr. *William Maſſey*, a kinſman of the ſayd *Samuell Maſſey*, and all to the great wrong and heavy oppreſſion of the ſayd *George Chamberlaine*, and contrary to the Laws of God and man.

You are to take notice that under the colour of Mr. *Chamberlaines* wife, being a reputed great heire to about 2000l. Lands *per annum*, and ſo declared by that black-ſould, treacherous, falſe father in law *Samuell Maſſey*, all theſe horrible plots, practiſes, and unheard of villanies doe proceed; The firſt cauſe and ground of his villany ariſing becauſe Mr. *Chamberlaine* would not ſuffer him falſely to be cozened of 250l. more in money, over and above the foreſaid five hundred pounds before paid unto the ſaid *Maſſey* by the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, which 250 l. being refuſed to be parted withall by the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, to the ſaid *Maſſey*, he the ſaid *Maſſey* for that and for no other cauſe at all, did ſettle upon a reſolution, and did proteſt and declare, that the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* ſhould never have his ſaid wife, but that the ſaid *Maſſey* and his ſaid wife would keep and hide her from him, and would utterly diſſwade her againſt the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* her lawfull Husband, which will be proved upon Oath by ſufficient and good witneſſe.

But now to returne where the old Kennell of Foxes have left the young one, at VVimbleton; for by this time it muſt be believed, that at the Academy and Univerſity of Newgate, in the Jawes of a Jaylor, there muſt needs be infuſed into her tender eare ſuch fordid literature and learning, as is able to ſeparate man and wife, and ſo conſequently to undoe body and ſoule, to bring about the wicked ends of thoſe Conſpirators.

Being now lodged at VVimbleton, notice thereof is given unto the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* that ſhe is there, and that a perſon of Honour, a Lord of this Nation, by the falſe information of her Father in Law, is invited to believe her a great Heire, and not married, is to give her a viſit for mar-

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riage, and that if the marriage take effect, the conſpirators ſhall have 12000 l.

Then Mr. *Chamberlaine* her Husband is adviſed and doth apply himſelfe to the Lord Chiefe Juſtice, who grants his Warrant to take the ſaid *Maſſey* for his miſdemeanors; Mr. *Chamberlaine* with the Warrant takes a Coach and goes with the Warrant to Wimbleton, takes a Conſtable with ſome other friends, and in a peaceable manner ſearches the houſe of *William Maſſey* for the body of the ſaid *Samuel Maſſey*, and in that ſearch findes his lawfull wife, courts her into the Coach, and brings her to *London*, as was juſt and lawfull ſo to doe; the perfidious Father in Law, and the reſt of the Conſpirators have notice of this ſuddaine change, they uſe inſtruments to be in the Chamber with them, to keep man and wife from lying together, or from having any private conference; the Conſpirators pretend a force and a Riot, and charge the husband and the wife before a Juſtice of the Peace, one Mr. *Peter Bradſhaw*; this Juſtice, it being Seſſions time at Hicks Hall, directs a Conſtable to bring Mr. *Chamberlaines* wife in cuſtody to that Seſſions, which was the very laſt Seſſions held in July 1653. there the ſaid *Jone* is brought, and her husband goes in voluntarily, expecting good juſtice to be done; and for that it did appeare to that Court; and for all there were divers witneſſes to prove that the ſaid Maſter *Chamberlaine* and the ſaid *Jone* were lawfully married together, and ſo became lawfull man and wife, yet by the ſtrong influence of one Colonell *Gravener*, who now liveth in the green Mewes by Charing-croſſe, and who formerly did live in *Pater noſter* row, London, I ſay by this Colonels procurement, the ſaid Mr. *George Chamberlaine* was taken from his lawfull wife, and committed to the New Priſon, when if there was any force or Riot at all, the fact was committed in Surrey at Wimbleton, and not in Middleſex.

So that the ſaid Colonell *Gravener* taking part with the ſaid *Maſſey*, the father in law, having gotten the lawfull husband of the ſaid *Jone* in the Goale, being a courteous, kinde Gentleman, doeth take away the lawfull wife of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* from him, and in his Coach carries her away, without any lawfull Warrant or Authority whatſoever, to his houſe at the Mewes, where ſhe is now mewed up from her husband: my conſcience tells me that there is not ſuch another courteous perſon in this Common-wealth, that hath ſuch a conſcience to take away a mans lawfull wife from him, and to impriſon him, and to meaſure out ſo much and ſo large *London* meaſure of oppreſſion; and although hee bee reported to be Quarter-Maſter Generall to this noble Army, yet that ever Heroick, and honoured Lord Generall, nor all, nor any his worthy Officers of the Army will bee pleaſed to think it fit or reaſonable, that Quarter-Maſter Generall *Gravener* ſhould be ſo wanton with his wits, or ſo far to go beyond his Commiſſion, as to rend man and wife aſunder, and then to take up quarters for another mans wife, whether her husband will or no; it is not the way to be Quarter-Maſter, but to be whole Maſter of another mans wife; therefore every man had need have a care of his wife, if the Col. go on with ſuch a trade, and if he go ſo far beyond his Commiſſion, it may pleaſe the noble Governours of this Nation to give him a Writ of eaſe.

But to take a mans Wife from him in the face of a Court, under the co-

lour of Justice without any Warrant, and when a noble Parliament and honourable Councel of State is sitting, nay when this Nation and all the eyes of Christendom are upon our Supream Authorities, expecting Justice to be done to every man, poor and rich; and Judgment to flow like a mighty stream; at this time that is expected, that the weary and heavy laden should be eased, & the wrongs of the oppressed should be righted; tis strange that at this time, and so near the Supream Authority, the Parliament of *England*, the said Col. *Gravener* should attempt to doe so irreligious an act, as to part man and Wife.

Now the said wife of Master *Chamberlaine*, being at the whole Master Generals house at the *Mewse*, it is fit the lawfull husband of her, Master *Chamberlaine* should know of her welfare, and how she doth do, or how, or by what way he may enjoy her, to live in the fear of the Lord comfortably together, as man and wife ought to do, and upon a strict inquiry, Mr. *Chamberlaine* hath discovered that the Master Goalor of *Newgate*, the said *Massey* the father in law of the said Master *Chamberlaines* wife, this noble Colonel *Gravener*, and a blunt, rich, able person, well friended and well monyed, and well reputed, whose name shall go free, and be yet and at this time exempted, if he prove to be a peace-maker, have all of them together, with some other persons that may be named and shamed in time, set up a resolution in a contentious way, as they call it, to bring the said Mr. *Chamberlaine* and his miswandred wife together, or at least some what near unto one another, and in order thereunto the foresaid confederates by their foresaid confederacy having gotten the said Master *Chamberlaines* said lawfull wife into the power of the Army (as the said *Massey* reports) (and which no wise man will beleeve, that the noble Army will patronise or protect any such horrid thing) and in order to this their new designe they the said conspirators have framed penned, contrived, abetted, and fomented a false, untrue, and scandalous Petition, in the name of the said Mr. *Chamberlaines* wife, to the honourable Councel of State against her forefaid lawfull Husband the said Master *Chamberlaine*, and against divers other innocent persons, and by the insinuating power of some or one of the aforesaid conspirators, that transcendant and incomparable Col *Gravener*, did procure a Warrant from the said honourable Councell of State, for to apprehend and secure the person of the said *George Chamberlaine*, and other innocent persons, as namely *Robert Chamberlaine*, Minister of Gods word, which was that Minister that did marry the said Mr. *Chamberlaine* and his said wife together, *William Prescot* the Parish Clark, *John Samine* and his wife, *George Lambert*, and all others that were at the foresaid Solemnity, or which could prove the lawfull marriage of the said Mr. *Chamberlaine* and his lawfull wife together; but it is to be noted, that the name of that Fox *Massey* must be also put into that Warrant, and it must be contrived to avoid suspition, or that the plot may not be discovered, but that it may be so carryed on, that the said *Massey* may draw in the said Mr. *Chamberlaine*, and all his foresaid friends together at some known place of meeting, and that then he the said *Massey* might betray them all, and that then a file of Musketteres might come in and take the said *Massey*, and all the rest together.

Now the Warrant is under Seale, the Marshall Generall, that gallant

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clear honeſt hearted man, is prepared to execute the ſaid Warrant with ſome Souldiers, Although no perſon named in that Warrant had any relation, as being a ſouldier or capable as being a priſoner of war, but to make it the greater terror and bugbear, nothing is wanting but that Judas part of *Maſſey* to be acted, *Maſſey* as being ſet on by the fury of his thirſty, villanous revenge, Clokes his knavery under the ſpecies of a faire pretence, Courts Mr. *Chamberlaine* and his friends to a faire compliance of the ending of all differences between them by indifferent men; Mr. *Chamberlaine* aſſents thereunto, a meeting of all parties is had, for the end of ſetling peace and unity between both parties the third of *Auguſt* 1653. at the *Paul* head Taverne neere Doctors Commons, Mr. *Chamberlaine* by himſelfe and friend Ingage that no affront or ſurpriſall either by Sarjeant, or by ſouldiers ſhall be offered, to *Maſſey*, *Maſſey* and his friend one Mr. *Leigh* doe ingage, that Mr. *Chamberlaine* nor his friends ſhould come by any damage, nor ſurpriſall by any Officer, Sarjeant, or ſouldier during the time of that treaty, *Maſſey*, binds up his Ingagements by many execrable oathes, wiſhing that his fleſh might rot from his bones, and that his Wife and Children might for ever periſh, *&c.* If he meant any ill, or if any Sarjeant or Souldier ſhould interrupt that Treaty for peace; the Treaty for that, peace thereupon proceeded, and all parties being met for that purpoſe, then, and not till then did that black Villany of the ſaid *Maſſey* and the reſt of the conſpirators appear, for in the debating of the buſineſs, in comes the Marſhall Generall, with *Gravenors* man, who pulled the Warrant out of his pocket, & ſix Souldiers, muſketteers, with a Warrant from the Councel of State, obtained by the ſaid *Gravener*, and the conſent of *Maſſey*, and the reſt of the conſpirators, and the Warrant not mentioning any crime at all, the ſaid Marſhall and the ſaid Souldiers, forced the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, and others his friends to the Marſhalls priſon at the *Muſe*, where they have remained priſoners ever ſince the third day of this preſent *Auguſt* 1653. And being there reſtrained, and kept priſoners by the Marſhall General, and by the ſouldierie, the ſaid *Maſſey* again inſinuated himſelfe into the ſociety of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, he being a priſoner, and offerd unto him, that if he would pay unto the ſaid *Maſſey* the ſum of one hundred pounds in money, that then he the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* ſhould have, & injoy his ſaid wife, and that he, the ſaid *Maſſey* and his wife, would joyne together and would reduce her out of the hands of the ſaid *Gravener*, and deliver her to the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine*, that they may enjoy each other, and live as man and wife together; and the ſaid *Maſſey* having made the ſaid offer at the houſe of the ſaid Marſhal General, whilſt he was a priſoner, he the ſaid *Maſſey* did ſend for a quart bottle of Sack at his own charge, and did therewith drink unto the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* by the name of his ſonne *Chamberlaine*, and to his wife, being the daughter in law of the ſaid *Maſſey*, whereby it is evident that Mr. *Chamberlaine* is deprived of his ſaid wife by a ſtrong hand only, and for no other cauſe but for that the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* will not ſuffer himſelfe to be defrauded of any more money by the ſaid *Maſſey*, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, upon all *Maſſeys* flatteries, will not be defrauded of any more moneys by the ſaid *Maſſey*, *Maſſey* he works by *Gravener* to continue Mr. *Chamberlaine* priſoner, Mr. *Chamberlaine*, indeavours to ſend letters to his lawfull wife, *Gravener* denies the reception of them or the delivery of any letter unto her,

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yet acknowledged that the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaines* wife by the name of *Joane Hele* is in his houſe: Mr. *Chamberlaine* Courts *Gravener* with ſeverall Letters, one whereof he receiveth, the other he denieth to receive; both Letters are herewith printed, together with the ſaid Mr *Chamberlaines* Letter to his Wife, at *Graveners* houſe, that the world may know, that the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* hath left no faire way unacted, unattempted, or undone for the reducing, and regaining of his ſaid lawfull Wife, unto the cohabitation of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* her husband; all which applications proving fruitleſſe, the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaine* was enforced to ſet forth to the view of the world this modeſt following Declaration, wherein Col. *Graveners* name was not at all mentioned.

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To the Honourable Colonell *Gravener*, at the *Mewes* theſe preſent.

Honoured Sir:

*YOU are the perſon by the report of divers, that have in your habitation, a Gentlewoman that you call Mrs.* Ioane Hele, *which in truth is my moſt dearly beloved and lawfull wife; I have ſent her by this* Bearer *a Letter from my ſelfe, and doe deſire that you would be pleaſed to permit that Letter to bee ſafely delivered by this bearer to her own hands, leaving the ſucceſs therof to the ſearcher of hearts. Sir, it would be a great obligation unto me, and a great manifeſtation to the world of your honour and integrity, if you would eyther deliver me my wife, or admit and command that I might have her delivered unto me, or might have a ſafe and faire acceſſe for conference with my wife: Truly Sir, you will find for all the falſe aſperſion of my enemies, that ſhe is my true and lawfull wife, nor will God bleſſe the ſeperators of man and wife; and therefore I deſire you in the feare of the Lord, and as you expect to anſwer it at the great and terrible day of Iudgement, and as you expect a bleſſing from Heaven upon you and yours, and as you hope to enjoy whatever is deare unto you, Doe not, oh do not, patronize, promote, abet, or countenance, the rending of my lawfull wife from mee; a curſe muſt follow the contrivers thereof, I hope you are none, yet vaſtly ſuſpected by ſome; be pleaſed to doe your ſelfe that honour, and mee that right, but to have a faire and friendly examination of the truth of all things in controverſie, and then I am confident your noble ſoule will informe you, that I have been vaſtly abuſed; Sir, be pleaſed to ſuſpend your judgement untill you know the truth of things, and where you doe not know the truth, charity invites you to think the beſt, and leave the reſt to the ſearcher of all hearts; and then I hope, I ſhall find you a noble ſould perſon towards mee, and hope to have juſt cauſe to manifeſt my ſelfe to be, Sir,*

*Your ſervant, and ever honourer,*

Iuly 27. 1653. Geo. Chamberlaine.

# The true Copy of a Letter sent by *George Chamberlaine*, Gent, unto his Wife, being by divers dangerous persons and practises unduly detayned from him.

To his dearly honoured and beloved Wife, Mris. *Joane Chamberlaine*, these with fidelity present.

My faithfully beloved Wife:

*GOD by his providence hath made you my lawfull Wife, nor shall I ever by any means whatsoever, whilst I live, be drawn to leave you or forsake you; and therefore in the name of God, and in obedience to all his holy Commands, I do hereby with all faithfull affection intreat you speedily to admit me to speak with you, and with the forgetting of all unkindnesses to injoy you: what can you desire of me, as in relation to your owne happinesse, or concerning your Fatherlaws freedome, or your Mothers future felicity, but you may absolutely command my just rights in the injoyment of you as my dearely beloved Wife, will be your Fathers Freedome and your Mothers felicity? and therefore be not cruell to them, when the sweet smiles of a faithfull heart by you my deare Wife, together with your desired selfe thrown into the armes of me your faithfull Husband, may yet make up the breach of all unhappy differences; let no voice nor power flatter you into a beliefe of dissolving that sacred knot of marriage that Heaven hath knit between us, and let God shoure downe the Viols of his just vengeance upon all those that seek that horrid seperation; remember my Deare how sweetly and solemnly in that sacred Bands of Marriage in the presence of God and Man you were lawfully married to me; remember your then solemne Promises you made to me before the Lord, keep those Promises, for God will not be mocked, and in the name and feare of the Lord returne unto me, which am resolved faithfully to receive you, carefully to love you, plentifully to provide for you, and most contentedly and charitably to passe by all things, any thing of injury from any person or persons. This (my Love) is the way to Peace, this is the way to Love, and this is the true way to draw downe the blessing of the Lord upon us, which can only make us happy both in this life, and also to eternity; be so kinde to your owne soule as to consider what the Lord hath given me leave to write to you, and the great God of all hearts incline you to returne me your Answer (like the innocent Dove with the Olive branch) with sweet tydings, which will be great joy to my soule to see the returne of my innocent misled and almost lost Lamb into my bosome, which are the hearty desires and prayers of,*

Your faithfull loyall loving Husband,

*July* 27. 1653. GEO. CHAMBERLAINE.

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This Letter above written I sent unto my wife the 27. of *July*, 1653. unto her, to the house of Col. *Gravener*, at the *Mewes*, who hath and doth most unjustly keep my said wife from me, and now hath most wickedly by foule practise, caused me to be kept prisoner at the Martial Generals house at the *Mewes*, for no cause at all; wherefore I am inforced to make this publick Declaration to the world hereafter following.

*George Chamberlaine.*

## *The Declaration of* George Chamberlaine, *Gent. to all persons of this Nation, concerning the undue practice of divers persons which do most unjustly and illegally detaine his lawfull Wife from him, for their own finister ends and purposes, &c.*

WHereas according to the known Laws established in this Nation, I *George Chamberlain* Gent. have lately and lawfully inter-married and taken to be my wife *Joane Hele*, sole daughter and heire of *Andrew Hele* Esquire, of the County of *Devon*. her late Father, deceased, which said *Joane* my said wife, is by the foul practise and conspiracy of one *Samuel Massey*, who married the mother of the said *Joane*, and by the undue means of the said mother, perswaded and prevailed withall to withdraw, absent, and hide herselfe, from me her lawfull loving and faithfull husband; and she being so unduly kept from me and seduced by evill Counsell and most destructively advised against me by the said *Samuel Massey* and his wife, and others their Agents and Confederates, by base flattery and adulation, whereby she is now prepared not onely to deny mee to bee her lawfull husband, but also to beleeve that the said lawfull marriage shall be nul'd and made void, and shee be put in a capacity to marry with some other person of honour, so that those cursed Counsels and Instruments have wrought a resolution in her tender yeares not to live or cohabite with me her lawfull husband: and as being bound in conscience, so with great care and diligence have I sought all lawfull wayes and meanes, and made all unceslant and civill applications both by letters and otherwise for the begetting of a true understanding whereby I and my said wife might have enjoyed each other with comfort, and in the feare of the Lord, as man and wife ought to doe, all which my most faithfull endeavours proving fruiteleste by reason of that hell hatcht, blacke destroying influence, and sordid interposition that the said *Massey* and his wife and their flattering falle hearted instruments and Agents have had and practised upon my too much credulous and misled wife, being altogether in their unhappy custodie, and shifted from place to place unknowne unto me, I am now with great griefe of hart, constrayned to publish & Declare to the world these my unparalleld and heavie oppressions above said; and to the end the said *Massey* and his said wife shall no longer delude any young gallant by exposing their daughrer (my lawfull wife) to sale, under the notion of a young great heire, which the said *Massey* and his wife have done since shee hath beene my lawfull wife; and since shee hath beene rended and torne from me. And therefore I the aforesaid abused *George Chamberlaine* do hereby publish, declare, and make knowne to all people that the foresaid *Jone* is my reall and lawfull wife, & that the said marriage was had, and solemnized between us according to the known lawes of this nation, & by & with the free and full consent of her selfe the said *Massey* her father in Law, & her naturall mother, and before them and in their presence and in a lawful Church, & by a lawful Minister without force or fraud:

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for in truth before the ſaid marriage did take effect, I the ſaid *George Chamberlain* did pay unto the ſaid *Maſſey* and his ſaid wife, in conſideration of the coſt that they had beene at in the education of my ſaid wife, the full and juſt ſum of five hundred pounds currant money, which the ſaid *Maſſey* and his ſaid wife received accordingly. Beſides I beſtowed above one hundred pounds currant moneys in apparrel & other neceſſary accommodations for my ſaid wife: and therefore, through Gods aſſiſtance, I do ſpeedily reſolve to uſe all lawfull wayes and means to reduce my ſaid lawfull wife to her ſweet cohabitation with me, that we may live together in the feare of the Lord, and to gain her out of the hands of thoſe deſtroying flatterers, whoſe accurſed keeping man and wife aſunder, God will never bleſſe. I doe further declare ſincerely from my heart, that I never gave my ſaid dearly beloved wife any juſt cauſe, by word or deed, to withdraw her deſired ſelfe from my ſociety, but am reſolved by Gods Grace, faithfully to love and honour her, and plentifully to provide for her all the dayes of my life, according to Gods holy Laws and Commandements. And further I declare and publiſh my free reſolution by Gods Grace to paſſe by, and bury in eternall oblivion all former prejudices whatſoever, either by her tender too much credulities, or by her harkening more to the voice of flattery then the heart of loyalty, nor ſhall I take advantage of any thing heretofore perpetrated by her mother or father in law againſt me, unto whom I ſhall yet have a civill and very tender regard, if complied withall in time, and ſhall obliterate all former unkindeneſſes, with theſe ſtrong weapons of true love and gentle courteſies, wherein I hope all perſons and power, both millitary and civill, underſtanding the candor and truth of the premiſſes will abhor to take part with thoſe, who moſt indirectly go about to ſeperate my ſelfe and my dearly beloved wife, whom God by his holy orders hath lawfully joyned together.

Laſtly, I do hereby further Declare, that from the day of the date hereof, I do give publick notice and warning to all people whatſoever, that they do not lend or truſt my ſaid Wife for any monies, wares, goods, or chattels, food, or raiment, or for any other thing whatſoever, without my Warrant and authority firſt had and obtained in writing, at their and every of their perils. All which I have beene moſt tenderly unwilling to declare to the world, but that I am inforced thereunto, by reaſon of thoſe malignant adviſers that have a vaſt prevailing influence upon my Wife, and dayly go about to implunge her in great and vaſt debts, ther eby to ſupply and bring about their wicked purpoſes, and contract great debts upon me to haſten my overthrow, which they deſire. Dated under my hand this 28. day of *July*, 1653.

GEORGE CHAMBERLAINE.

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*The full ſubſtance of this Declaration above written is fully proved upon oath, by ſeven ſubſtantiall honeſt and undeniable Witneſſes, and by Gods grace ſhall be maintained to be full of Candor and truth, with hazard of the life and fortune of my ſelfe her lawfull Husband.*

George Chamberlaine.

To his honoured and dearly beloved VVife, Mrs. Ioane *Chamberlaine*, these with fidelity present, at Colonell *Graveners* house in the Mewes.

My most deare Wife:

HAD I *not been debard of all civill applications, (by Colonell* Gravener) *in my personall wayting on you, or in the delivery of my Letters, I doubt not but that I should have given you so clear a demonstration of my true integrity, and so plainly have disclosted the wicked conspiracies of these most hell-batcht Incendiaries (which now I feare sit at the stern of thy tender years, and seek this accursed dissolution between us) that their most subtlest inventions could never have had power to have made these delusions penetrate upon thy tender and innocent soule. Truly, my Love, I hope you cannot but be sensible before this, how these irreligious counsellors indeavour to make a prey of thee and thy reputation, to bring about their ungodly and selfish designes, which tends to no other purpose then the destruction both of thy body and soule. And therefore, my heart, ~~it is my soules desire, that thou wouldst shun these~~ abominable advices, and return into the bosome of thy dearest Husband, which at present (for thy sake) is exposed a Prisoner at the Marshall Generalls house in the Mues, not far from thee, (or at least a civill visit) where thou shalt receive the best of welcomes, from him that dares challenge no longer a being, then he is most cordially devoted in his inclination to be, My Deare,*

*Thy most affectionate, and I hope*

August 8. 1653.

*inseperable Husband,*

GEORGE CHAMBERLAINE.

## *These to the Honoured Colonell* Gravener *present.*

*SIR,*

BY a person of civility and quality, I did present you with a Letter from my selfe, thereby inviting you no longer to detaine my lawfull wife, under that fallacy of Mrs *Ioane Hole*; I have printed some papers unwillingly to the view of the word, declaring her to bee my lawfull Wife, of which I am confident you cannot bee ignorant; but to leave you without excuse of that knowledge, I have desired and prevailed with this Gentleman to present one to you. Sir, under your good favour, I did take it unkindly from you, that a Gentleman of your quality, honour, and fame, should not permit, or in charity promote the delivery of that Letter that this Gentleman was pleased by your permission, and my direction, to deliver to my mis-led Wife, unjustly detained from me and harboured in your house. Sir, I pray God it be not palpably proved, that you have some valuable selfe ends and intereſt as in relation to the indeavouring to deprive me of my lawfull Wife. I am most confidently assured, that it stands not with the Lawes of God, nor of this Nation, nor with the honour nor honesty of any conscientious Christian, to be the means, the ayder, abetter, or separater of man and wife. Sir, I charge you before the face of Heaven, to consider what I have writ, and to lay it to heart, and to examine your own conscience therein, and to write me back a civill answer like a good Christian, and like an honest man; For let me be rendred to you never so inconsiderable by the basest of depraving tongues, yet know, that I will not by you, or by any man else, be fooled out of, or from that Wife that God by his Ordinance hath lawfully made mine, which is the unalterable resolution of Sir,

Your servant and abused friend

*Broomly Hall this 2. of Aug. 1653. neer Stratford Bow.*

*George Chamberlaine.*

# To the Honoured Collonel *Gravener*, these presents.

Honoured Sir,

THrough that Civill respect I have to your selfe, being ( as I am informed ) a member of this worthy Army, to whom under God we must ascribe all praise, for our lives, liberties, and fortunes; I have thought good once more to invite you to a clear understanding, whereby you might not be led unto utter darkness, through the false lights of selfe intrest, or misinformation, which will but add torments to the afflictions of a burthened conscience: I presume you spend not your time so irreligiously, but that you are very sensible what a bitter curse the Lord hath laid upon the seperators of man and wife; as in many places of Gods word doth appeare (therefore if you cannot have so much civility to me, to returne me my lawfull wife, which you most impiously and illegally detain from me, being under the protection of your roofe, besides your unjust confining me to the most heavy, and unheard of oppression of imprisonment, for no other cause then demanding my best of rights, my most lawfull wife) be so kinde to your owne soul, as not to draw down the just curse of the Lord upon you. Pray, summon all your intellects, and examine whether Heaven be to be purchased with money, or by obeying the command of Almighty God: O then hazard not unspeakable, nay undeterminable comfort in your future life, by wilfully drawing down Gods Just vengeance upon your head. It is not I that say it, but the great God of all hearts, whom at this time hath permitted me to write this Letter unto you that you might know, it is not yet too late to repent of evill doing. But as the Lord hath commanded us to deale unto all men, as we would be dealt unto our selves, if we expect the comfort of his sweet smiles upon us; Therefore in obedience to his most holy and divine commands, my charity bids me not to believe these wicked actions proceed from your naturall inclinations, but are rather infused into you, by harkning to the base adulations perpetrated by Samuel Massey, and his black society, who as I am informed is very often in your company: Therefore I must confesse, I cannot much wonder why you so violently persist in evill doing, associating your selfe, certainly with the most corrupteſt of villaines, which is long since proved by Affidavit before a Master in Chancery, The best of Judgements may be corrupted if but one party heard; but to leave you without excuse: This is to remember you that I have formerly made all civill and modest applications, thereby to invite you to have a Just sense of my honest cause (but instead of a kinde returne of my civilities, I have ranckounterd many of your threats; And so likewise hath Mr. Sisson who delivered my Letters, wherein some of them you have been as good as your word, but as to what else can be done unto me, I defy all those black instruments that attend your ears, with delusive falsities presuming by your power and means, to snatch away my just rights from me) To which purpose I now write this Letter, and in point of Charity advise you to balme up the deep wounds that will lie upon your reputation if not your conscience, by reuniting and delivery of my wife into that safe harbour the bosom of a Cordiall loving husband, and that Immediately, or else you must expect I shall no longer lie under this agony without giving the world a true account, who are the Patrons of so foule a practise, wherein I cannot avoid your name, my unwillingnesse to bring you upon the stage, made me spare you in my first Declaration, lest the world should read your hypocrisie so often venting your life to suppresse what you now must promote,

*promote, the great tyranny and oppreſſion is inflicted upon the moſt innocents. Sir, thus do I make a Civill returne for your unkindneſſe, in your ſecret practiſes, in the endeavouring not onely my ruine in this tranſitory life, but the loſſe of the ſoule of that innocent and miſled Lamb, my wife. Sir, believing the foulneſſe of your practice may be vailed by the darkneſſ of your Judgement, being cloud d with falſe informations, I ſhall commit you to your Prayers to God, that he may brighten your underſtanding, ſo that you may tread no longer in the paths of ignorance, if not willfulneſſe, which are the moſt humble and hearty deſires of,*

(Sir)

Your moſt injured, and

moſt oppreſſed ſervant,

This Letter was ſent as by directions,
but produced no effect.

GEORGE CHAMBERLAINE.

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YOU are to underſtand, that during the time of this Controverſie, there hath been uſed by *Maſſey*, and the reſt of the Confederates, all thoſe knacks of Knavery that mortals can invent to null this lawfull marriage, and to defraud that honeſt Mr. *Chamberlaine* of his lawfull Wife, as namely the ſaid *Maſſey*, and thoſe his hell-hatch'd Conſpirators did lately cauſe a Petition to bee preferred by and in the name of the ſaid Mr. *Chamberlaines* Wife, by the name of *Joane Hele*, againſt the ſaid *Maſſey*, and his Wife; by which Petition there was a Commiſſion under the great Seale obtained for the avoyding and diſſolving of the ſaid marriage, if good witneſſes could have proved any thing materiall for to have ground equitie for the Lords Commiſſioners to have decreed the avoyding of the ſaid marriage; but that tricke, although cunningly and ſtrongly carried on by power was quickly diſcovered, ſo that they durſt never execute that Commiſſion, for feare it would make for their greater condemnation; ſo that, that Commiſſion is now out of date, and will not be owned.

The next plot ſet on foot was, that *Maſſey* and his Wife alledged, that Mr. *Chamberlaine* had never laine with his Wife nor knowne her, as her Husband; to this Mr. *Chamberlaine* anſwereth, that hee hath knowne his Wife carnally, as a Husband ought to doe, and doth offer for the deciding of that controverſie, by putting it to the triall of Midwives, or a Jury of Women: this (propoſe) did very much trouble *Maſſey* and his Wife; for if Mr. *Chamberlaine* her Husband had not been there, the queſtion would bee who had been there.

This ſtabbing queſtion puts *Maſſey* to adviſe with the beſt of his old femall acquaintance and Counſell about *London* and the *Covent-Garden*, where he did finde advice to deceive a whole Jury of Midwives, as he conceived; which advice was, to make ſurfling or reſtringent water with Alome, and ſome other ingredients, and to make application by injection thereof unto and into the ſecret parts, as *per* direction, &c. and that without doubt will ſo contract her body, as that it ſhalbe hardly diſcernable whether ſhe had

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ever known man or not, *probatum eſt, ut dicitur*: This will be proved by good witneſſe.

Thus you ſee that *Maſſey* and his Conſpirators have been traced out in all their ſeverall unheard of frauds and villanies; and it is deſired, that all things herein ſet forth and declared, may be by authority drawne into examination and proofe, that the Practiſers, and Actors therein may be made exemplary, and that the Noble and Supreame Authority, the Parliament of the Common wealth of *England* will provide remedy againſt ſuch practiſes and oppreſſions for time to come, and that no perſon whatſoever ſhall hereafter dare to make uſe of the Authority of the honourable Councel of State, and of their Warrant, to impriſon mens perſons by the Souldiery, or otherwiſe to bring about their owne ends, and unjuſt deſignes, as the ſaid Col. *Graziener* hath done in this Caſe, by impriſoning the perſon of the ſaid *George Chamberlaine* and others upon his buſineſſe and accompt, ever ſince the 3. of *Auguſt* 1653. untill this preſent of they being all free-borne perſons of this Nation, and ought not ſo to be impriſoned by the Lawes of this Common-wealth, which is their right and inheritance, and that the Juſtice of thoſe Lawes ought not to bee denied to any free-borne man of this Common-wealth of *England*.

Thus have I declared the ſad Caſe and Condition of me the ſaid *George Chamberlaine*, who have patiently (through the Lords Mercy) hitherto undergone all thoſe heavy oppreſſions formerly related, with as much brevity, and through the mercy of my God, notwithſtanding this my hard impriſonment at the *Mewes*, do expect and hope for a ſpeedy and happy deliverance, to the comfort of my ſoule, and to the ſhame of thoſe Conſpirators that [illegible] Dared from my Priſon in the *Mewes*, neare Charing-Croſs this day of

*GEORGE CHAMBERLAINE.*